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Lester Snow, Exec. Director  
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Dear Mr. Snow:

I find CalFed's draft plan, with its emphasis on new dams and reservoirs, unnecessarily costly and harmful to the environment of the Delta.

Please use your considerable influence in revising the draft to make sure that during the first seven years of the plan (Stage 1) new dam or canal projects are not implemented.

Emphasis should be on more efficient water use and conservation, as well as groundwater management. Efficiency can best be encouraged by increasing the price which users pay for water. As you well know, artificially low water prices in the Valley represent a tremendous subsidy from taxpayers to big water users, and encourage water waste on a massive scale.

More efficient water use - less waste - will make fresh clean water available to rivers, bays and wildlife habitat. It will improve, among many other things, the restoration of valuable salmon runs and the Pacific Flyway bird habitat.

Thank you for your consideration,



copy: Governor Gray Davis